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ined were caught in the city by the regular force of rat catchers since the bonus for rats was discontinued some weeks ago. During the week there were 7 rejections among the Asiatic steerage passengers from all causes and 23 aliens were recommended for rejection for trachoma.

Immigrants recommended for rejection.

Fifteen immigrants per steamship *Hongkong Maru* for San Francisco, were recommended, October 30, for rejection on account of trachoma.

CUBA.

Report from Habana.

Assistant Surgeon Trotter reports, December 2, as follows for the week ended November 28, 1903:

Number of vessels inspected and issued bills of health.....	22
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	652
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	240
Pieces of freight inspected.....	60

Mortuary report of Habana for the week ended November 28, 1903.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis.....	19
Pneumonia.....	3
Bronchitis.....	4
Grippe.....	1
Meningitis.....	5
Scarlet fever.....	7
Cancer.....	3

Total deaths from all causes, 99.

Mortality in Habana and other cities—Scarlet fever in Habana.

Chargé d'Affaires Sleeper reports, November 26, as follows:

The total mortality in the district of Habana for the month of September, 1903, has been 404, 59 less than the preceding month and precisely the same number as in the corresponding period of 1902. The daily average mortality has been 13.46, giving an annual death rate of 18.72 per thousand of population and relatively the same as that of the month of September, 1902.

Infant mortality and diseases of the respiratory system have been on the decrease, while deaths from general causes have slightly increased. There have been 675 births in Habana during the month, which after subtracting the number of deaths gives an increase of 269 to the population of the city.

No cases of smallpox or yellow fever have originated on the island during the month, although a case of the latter was imported from Mexico. A case of varioloid arrived on board a steamer from Trujillo, Honduras, and is still under treatment.

The general health of the island has been excellent, especially for September, the most likely month here for the propagation of epi-